

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Evelyn "Cookie" Hyde has dedicated the past 20 years to serving the people of South Dakota as an employee of the Department of Transportation and the Department of Health; and,

Whereas, She came to the Department of Health's word processing pool in 1987 and by 1992 had worked her way up to Executive Assistant to the director of the Division of Health Systems Development and Regulation; and,

Whereas, Cookie has a long commitment to the education of South Dakota's children, serving as a member of the Pierre School Board, the Associated School Boards of South Dakota, the Washington Elementary School PTA, the Pierre Educational Foundation, and the Reading Buddies program; and,

Whereas, She is an active community member, serving on the Christmas at the Capitol Committee, as team captain for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, and on numerous boards at the United Methodist Church—Cookie is an avid supporter of youth activities and was a leader for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and the 4-H program; and,

Whereas, She was active in sports in her own right, serving terms as president for both the Pierre Women's Softball League and the South Dakota Women's Fast Pitch Softball organization, and was named to several all tournament teams; and,

Whereas, Cookie opened her heart and home as a child care center to many children over the years and still maintains contact with many of the children and their families; and,

Whereas, Cookie has been a dedicated and valued member of the Department of Health team and she will retire on July 8, 2004; and,

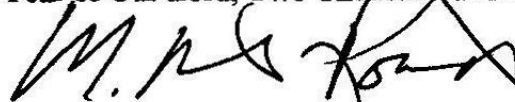
Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 1, 2004, as

EVELYN "COOKIE" HYDE DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her many friends and colleagues in the Department of Health in offering her best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

